

The Peasant and the Serpent.

One day upon his Return from Market a Peasant found a Dangerous Serpent playing with his children. Without stopping to make Inquiries he seized a club and dealt the Reptile a Mortal blow.

"Wasn't your Action an Arbitrary Abuse "Wasn't your Action an Arbitrary Abuse of Power?" queried the Toad. "I don't think you can Frove that the Serpent had struck one of your Children."
"As to that," replied the Peasant, "the time to kill Poisonous Reptiles is before you are Bitten."
Moral. A Woll doesn't make his Appearance among Lambs with the Intention of leading them to Sunday-school.—Detroit Free Press.

## The Enfant Terrible.

Were you born before Adam?" asked a little girl of old D'Argent, who was waiting in the parlor while his young fiancee was getting ready for the opera.

"Why, no, my dear, what makes you ask that?" responded D'Argent, benignantly.
"Well, I heard sister Fanny telling Charlie Manners that she hated to have to marry for money alone, and Charlie said:
"Yes; it's hard to be tied to a fossil older than creation."—The Judge.



A Malden school-mistress thinks that some of her pupils' compositions are fun-nier than anything of Mark Twain's. From an essay on "Fashion" written by a boy of

twelve, she cites the following: "Sensible people wear sensible fashions, and insensible people insensible fashions." Another hopeful of hers, writing on the subject "A Rainy Afternoon", evolved from an inner consciousness deeper than that of Josh Billings, the following sent-

ence:

"It rained hard, and I could not go owdoors, and so I went out in the shed and sod some wood."

In a little straw frame on the mantie is a sentence from the pen of her youngest and brightest, given in answer to the request: "Write, in twenty words, a definition of 'Man'." It reads thus:
"Man is an animal that stands up; he is not very big, and he has to work for a living."—Boston Record.

## The Religious School of Art.

"Yes," said Mrs. Bennington, "my son, George, is getting to be quite an artist." "Does he affect any particular school of art?" asked the visitor.

"He paints religious pictures mostly, I think. Isn't it a Madonna that George is



painting now, Mr. B.?" asked the old lady, turning to her husband. "Yes," said the old man, "it's a Madonna —a prima donna."—Life.

## A Good Guesser.

Magistrate-Have you ever been arrested before, Rastus? Rastus-Ye 'es yo' honah.

Magistrate-How many times? Rastus-I don' sactly disremember, yo'

Magistrate-Onco? Rastus-Ye 'es, Ise ben 'rested mo 'z

wince.

Magistrate—Five hundred times?

Rastas (indignantly)—No, sab,

Magistrate—A hundred times?

Rastas—Er—yuse gittin'hot, Jedge, yuse
gettin' hot.—Life.

## A Truly Modest Doctor.

An unfortunate woman was run over by a street car. A crowd gathered around the victim. After some delay a celebrated doctor who enjoys a National reputation ap peared on the scene. It was too late. The or woman was dead, even before the doc-

poor woman was deau, even for arrived.

"O, doctor, if you had only come a little sconer," said a voice in the crowd.

"Even if I had come sconer, what more scould I have done for her?" replied the doc-tor, modestly gazing at the placid features of the corpse.—Chicago Telegram.

Bight in the Family.

Judge Peterby said to his colored ser-

"You will have to quit. You attend to your work very well, but I am always missing things about the house, and every time it is you that takes them."

"Boss, don't send me off on dataccount. Hit mus be a comfurt ter yer, when yer missing apything to know right whar it am."—Texas Siftings.

A BUSINESS WOMAN.

Mrs. M. E. DeGreer, the Founder of Kansas Towns and Newspapers.

Mrs. M. E. DeGeer called to-day with her daughter, Mrs. Kate B. Russell, her successor in the publication of the Western Times, at Scott City. Mrs. D. and her two daughters came from Chicago to Scott County. Ks., fifteen months ago and pre-empted land thirty-five miles from Garden City, and after building their own claim-houses brought in a large colonization of wealthy and influential men and women. In the early spring she started the first paper in the county, built the first hotel and opened the first law office. The result of this woman's labors, assisted by her daughters, is that a beautiful young city now stands where her claim-house stood a year ago of 300 inhabitants, with dozens coming in each day and the whole country nearly settled. Mrs. DeGeer, to meet the demand of her many friends in the East, has now placed her paper in the hands of one daughter. Mrs. Russell, and her land and real estate business in the hands of another daughter, Mrs. Eastman, and has opened a new land and law office in Syracuse, on the Santa Fe Railroad, south of Greely County, bordering on Colorado, where she has organized a town company for the purpose of establishing towns in that county. As in Scott County, she built the first house in Greely County, and incorporated a town company, with a staff of officers, to use her own words, "with money and brains," Messrs. Rice, Hunter, Decker and Core, of Hutchinson; Childs & Parsons, of Arkansas City, Hon. H. M. Wheeler and herself. They have a hotel with other buildings in their new town, Greely City, with a rich county of good land.—Topeka Daily Commonwealth. successor in the publication of the Western Times, at Scott City. Mrs. D.

-A storehouse belonging to the Mo-have Indians, situated on the bank of the Colorado River opposite Fort Mo-have, A. T., fell in a few days ago, killing one Indian and severely wound-ing two others. The accident was caused by piling several tons of mocaused by piling several tons of mes-quite b ans and corn on the roof. The Indian who was killed was immediately placed on a couple of cords of wood and burned to ashes, after which the Indians proceeded to burn everything belonging to him, and to kill his horses and have a big feast .- Chicago Herald.

—According to General Morin, the eminent expert, the proper temperature in well ventilated places is as follows: Nurseries, asylums and schools, 69 degrees; workshops, barracks and prisons, 59; hospitals, 61 to 64; theaters and lecture-rooms, 66 to 69. In dwellings in this country it has been the custom to keep the temperature at 65 to 70 de-

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